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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT US MILITARY
ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY

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SUMMARY. LEADERS OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY ARE CONSTRUCTING A MISSHAPEN, INFLATED CONCEPTION OF US PROPOSALS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. THIS INCLUDES THE IDEA THAT TURKEY MAY RECEIVE 500 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ARMS FROM U.S. IN FY78. CYPRIOTS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED IN THEIR BELIEF BY "FRIENDS" IN WASHINGTON AND INACCURATE SIGNALS FROM LOCAL DIPLOMATS. WE REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE TO COMBAT MISCONCEPTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. BASED ON INTERACTION WITH ANONYMOUS "FRIENDS" IN WASHINGTON, GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE DEVELOPING THE ARGUMENT THAT ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS MAY ALLOW FOR A HALF BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ARMS TO
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TURKEY IN FY78 AND THAT THE PROPOSALS ARE MORE FAVORABLE TO TURKEY THAN AID PROVISIONS OF TURKISH DCA. THE ARGUMENT IS BASED ON THE COMMERCIAL CEILING OF ASPECTS OF ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM AND RUNS AS FOLLOWS: TURKEY OWES 375 MILLION DOLLARS ON F-4 CONTRACT. TOTAL UTILIZATION OF THIS AMOUNT PLUS 175 MILLION IN GUARANTEED LOANS BRINGS TOTAL ARMS FLOW TO 550 MILLION FOR FY78. THIS IS SEEN HERE AS EVIDENCE THAT US DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

IN A CYPRUS SOLUTION WERE A SHAM; THAT A SMOOTH MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY CONTINUES TO BE MAIN PLANK OF ADMINISTRATION'S EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN POLICY.

2. LOCAL BELIEF IN US ADMINISTRATION'S PERFIDY HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY AN INCIDENT INVOLVING FRG CHARGE. HE APPARENTLY INFORMED FORMER NEGOTIATOR CLERIDES THAT IN A RECENT CONVERSATION "TFSC FONMIN" CELIK HAD SAID THERE WAS AN UNWRITTEN USG/GOT UNDERSTANDING THAT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR FY78 WOULD BE CONTINUED AT SAME LEVEL IN FY79 EVEN IF DCA WAS NOT SIGNED. FURTHER, CLERIDES UNDERSTOOD FROM CHARGE THAT FRG WOULD ASSIST TURKEY WITH FINANCING IF FOREIGN EXCHANGE WAS A PROBLEM. CLERIDES THEN CIRCULATED THIS STORY AMONG GREEK LEADERSHIP BY MEMO. ALTHOUGH THE FRG CHARGE'S REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH CELIK MUST HAVE TAKEN PLACE WELL BEFORE US ASSISTANCE PLANS ANNOUNCED, GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE MULTIPLIED 550 BY 2 AND COME TO CONCLUSION TOTAL US ARMS FLOW TO TURKEY IN FY78-79 WILL BE MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS, A SUM GREATER THAN TURKEY WOULD RECEIVE UNDER DCA IN FOUR YEARS.

3. THE GREEK CYPRIOT EDIFICE DESCRIBED ABOVE IS PATENTLY PREPOSTEROUS BUT IT IS BEING DISCUSSED SERIOUSLY BY GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS. BOTH FONMIN DIRGEN PELAGHIAS (SEPTTEL) AND CYPRUS BROADCASTING COMPANY CHAIRMAN ANDREAS CHRISTOPHIDES HAVE RAISED ISSUE WITH AMBASSADOR IN PAST TWO DAYS. STORY HAS GAINED SO MUCH CURRENCY THAT IT IS MORE THAN OFFSETTING OUR EFFORTS TO PRESENT US POLICY ENUNCIATED APR 21 AS DESIGNED TO HELP THE CYPRUS SITUATION

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4. ADMINISTRATION TESTIMONY BEFORE SFRC AND HIRC APR 21 AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL IN LOCAL DISCUSSIONS, BUT WE COULD USE SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS ON SEVERAL POINTS:

A. WHAT IS CONGRESSIONAL TIMETABLE ON ASSISTANCE PROGRAM? WILL THERE BE IMPORTANT COMMITTEE ACTION BEFORE TURKISH ELECTIONS?

B. HOW MUCH WOULD CEILING ON COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH TURKEY BE INCREASED IF TURKS CHOSE TO MAKE ALL FY78 F-4 PROGRAM PAYMENTS IN CASH? WHAT IS CURRENT TURKISH CEILING? WHAT IS DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR F-4'S?

C. IS THERE A CEILING ON COMMERCIAL ARMS TRANSACTIONS WITH GREECE? IF SO, HOW MUCH FOR FY78? FY77?

D. WE NOTE THAT PROPOSED GREEK FMS IS "CREDITS AND GUARANTEES." PROPOSED TURKISH FMS IS "LOAN GUARANTEES." WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE? DOES THIS MEAN GREECE GETS MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT? E. WHAT COMMENT CAN WE MAKE ABOUT ALLEGED PLANS FOR FY79 MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY?

5. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS THAT MIGHT

ASSIST US IN ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADERS AND MEDIA.
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